

The National Association of Broadcasters seems to be out to squash the competitors...in this case, satellite radio services such as XM Radio and Sirius...by attempting to have the government rule against the satellite services providing local news, traffic, and/or weather. This seems absurd. There are already many other services that provide this same information via the airwaves such as accessing it via the internet and a WiFi connection. Similarly, many cell phones are capable of showing local information.

So why should it be any concern of the government to narrowly rule against satellite services?

Individuals contract with XM and Sirius to receive this information, along with other services by subscribing. If the government rules that only satellite broadcasters are limited in their local content and not all information services, then it would seem that the equal protection clause may be violated. It also would seem to trample these satellite companies' right of free speech.

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